

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image receiving element comprising a microporous film made by the method of ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a first polymer which is a hydrophobic thermoplastic polymer and a second polymer which is a hydrophilic polymer or copolymer of N-vinylpyrrolidone;

(b) dissolving said first and second polymers in a solvent system which is compatible with both polymers, said solvent system comprising a blend of an aprotic organic solvent and an alcohol;

(c) coating the resulting solution on a support;

(d) effecting at least a partial drying of the resulting coating; and

(e) washing the coating in an aqueous medium so as to extract at least 50% by weight of the said second polymer.

12. (Original) An ink accepting member comprising a support which is a sheet-form microporous material which on a coating-free, printing ink-free and impregnant-free basis comprises:

(a) a matrix consisting essentially of substantially water-insoluble thermoplastic organic polymer,

(b) finely divided substantially water-insoluble filler particles, of which at least 50% by weight are siliceous particles, the filler particles being distributed throughout the matrix and constituting from 40 to 90% by weight of the microporous material, and

(c) a network of interconnecting pores communicating substantially throughout the microporous material, the pores constituting from 35 to 95% by volume of the microporous material, said support bearing on at least one side thereof a microporous organic polymer film comprising a network of pores which communicate with the pores in said support.

13. (Original) The ink accepting member of claim 12 wherein said microporous organic polymer film has a thickness in the range 5 to 100 μm and has a porosity in the range 30 to 80% by volume.

14. (Original) The ink accepting member of claim 12 wherein said microporous organic polymer film comprises 10^4 - 10^7 pores/ mm^2 with an average pore size in the range 0.2-2.0 μm .

15. (Original) The ink accepting member of claim 12 wherein said microporous organic polymer film comprises a polymer selected from the list consisting of poly(methyl methacrylate), cellulose acetate butyrate, poly(vinyl acetal)s and vinyl chloride/vinyl acetate copolymers.

16. (Original) The ink accepting member of claim 12 wherein said support bears on both sides thereof a microporous organic polymer film comprising a network of pores which communicate with the pores in said support.

17. (Original) The ink accepting member of claim 12 wherein said support is adhered to an auxiliary support.

Claims 18-24 (Cancelled)